

NJ Farm Link Program

Farm Seeker Questionnaire

Thank you for your interest in the NJ Farm Link Program. The following 2-page questionnaire will be used to share information between farm owners and farm seekers enrolled in the program. A summary of the program's linking service appears below. If you have any questions, please contact us at (609) 984-2504.

Linking Procedure – for Farm Seekers

- Step 1: Completing the questionnaire. Farm seekers fill out the attached farm seeker questionnaire. They include a listing description on this form (approximately 100 words) that clearly describes the farmland/farming opportunity they are seeking. A typical listing summarizes the information that has already been written on the questionnaire. Participants have the option of including or not including their contact information (i.e. an email address or a phone number) in this listing. They should specify this preference on the questionnaire.
- Participants return their forms to the NJ Farm Link Program (via mail, fax, or email):
 - Mail: Attn: NJ Farm Link
SADC
PO Box 330
Trenton, NJ 08625
 - Fax: (609) 633-2004 – Attn: NJ Farm Link
 - Email: david.kimmel@ag.state.nj.us
- As forms are received, each person's farm seeker listing is added to the website.
- Step 2: Connecting with the Farm Opportunities listed online. If a Farm Opportunity or Farm Seeker listing contains the person's contact information, farm seekers may contact the person directly. If the listing does not contain contact information, farm seekers may request additional information (i.e. they may request a copy of the person's questionnaire, which includes the contact information) by submitting a request to the Farm Link Program via phone (609-984-2504), fax, or email.
- For each request made, the Farm Link Program exchanges the Farm Seeker and Farm Owner forms in the mail. For example, if farm seeker Joe requests more information about the farm opportunities listed with ID#s 1030, 1054, and 1075, Joe is sent a copy of those three people's forms, and each of those three people is sent a copy of Joe's form.
- After this exchange, it is up to each party to contact the other to see if a match is possible.

New Jersey Farm Link Program
State Agriculture Development Committee
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Please answer each of the following questions completely. If you have any questions, call us at (609) 984-2504. For instructions on returning the completed form, please turn to the last page.

General Information

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TOWN _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE NUMBER(S) _____ FAX _____

Are these phone numbers listed or unlisted? Circle one. LISTED UNLISTED

EMAIL _____

Experience

ARE YOU CURRENTLY FARMING? YES NO

DESCRIBE YOUR FARMING BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE (TYPE OF FARMS WORKED ON, TIME WORKED, SKILLS, EDUCATION, ETC.)

DO YOU HAVE A WRITTEN BUSINESS PLAN FOR YOUR FARM BUSINESS? YES NO

Farm Transfer Goals

WHAT TYPES OF ARRANGEMENTS WOULD YOU CONSIDER? CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY.

Lease:	SHORT TERM LEASE (1-2 years)	LONG TERM LEASE (3+ years)	LEASE WITH OPTION TO BUY
Sale:	STANDARD SALE		
Farming together:	PARTNERSHIP	FARM MANAGER POSITION	or APPRENTICESHIP (to gain experience)
	EMPLOYMENT FOR A PERIOD OF TIME, THEN TRANSFER TO OWNERSHIP		

HOW LONG DO YOU WANT OR EXPECT THIS TRANSFER TO TAKE?

WILL YOU BE FARMING FULL OR PART TIME?

FULL TIME

PART TIME

DO YOU REQUIRE HOUSING ON THE FARM?

YES

NO

WHAT TYPE OF FARMING OPERATION ARE YOU INTERESTED IN? CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY,

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES	NURSERY/GREENHOUSE	FIELD CROPS	LIVESTOCK
EQUINE	TREE FRUITS	DAIRY	OTHER (Please explain):

HOW LARGE WOULD YOUR FARMING OPERATION BE (NUMBER OF ACRES)?

IN WHAT NEW JERSEY COUNTIES ARE YOU INTERESTED IN FARMING?

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN FARMING A PERMANENTLY PRESERVED FARM?

YES

NO

DESCRIBE ANY BUILDINGS OR FACILITIES YOU WOULD NEED FOR YOUR FARM BUSINESS:

Farm Listing Description

PLEASE PROVIDE A DESCRIPTION (100 words or less) FOR OUR WEBSITE AND NEWSLETTER THAT DESCRIBES THE FARMING OPPORTUNITY YOU DESIRE. (This can be a summary of what you've written on this form, such as the location, amount of farmland, and type of farming arrangement or farm business you desire, and perhaps your experience.)

WOULD YOU LIKE THIS LISTING TO INCLUDE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION?

YES

NO

If yes, which one(s)?

EMAIL

PHONE

FAX

References

PLEASE PROVIDE THREE REFERENCES.

NAME _____ PHONE NUMBER _____

NAME _____ PHONE NUMBER _____

NAME _____ PHONE NUMBER _____

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT ALL INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY YOU WILL ONLY BE USED FOR THE FARM LINK PROGRAM.

I CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING STATEMENTS MADE BY ME ARE ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND ARE MADE IN GOOD FAITH FOR THE PURPOSE OF PARTICIPATING IN THE NEW JERSEY FARM LINK PROGRAM. I understand that THE NJ FARM LINK PROGRAM does not guarantee that a match will occur or that if a match does occur that it will be successful.

I GIVE THE NJ FARM LINK PROGRAM PERMISSION TO RELEASE MY NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, AND OTHER INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THIS QUESTIONNAIRE TO PERSONS INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING A POSSIBLE BUSINESS ARRANGEMENT WITH ME.

SIGNATURE OF FARM SEEKER _____ DATE _____

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Questions?

Contact the Farm Link Program at (609) 984-2504. Also visit the website at www.state.nj.us/agriculture/sadc/farmlink.htm.